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VIRTUAL MEETING: 02.16.2022

Details: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 12:00pm-1:00pm CST

Cost: \$0

Location: <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/erin.e.krug>

0.5 PDHs will be offered for this event

Speaker: Dan Cottrell

Presentation Title: Why We Dredge

Synopsis: This presentation will cover how the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) determines locations to dredge, the type of dredge plant to use, and how USACE navigates other constraints like placement sites and funding.

Speaker Bio: Dan Cottrell is the Dredging Manager for USACE St. Paul District. He has worked for USACE for about 28 years, 14 of those years as a Park Ranger. Mr. Cottrell has worked in St. Paul District's Channel Maintenance group since 2008. His responsibilities as the Dredging Manager include scheduling all channel dredging within the St. Paul District and coordinating/communicating with the tow boat industry and US Coast Guard. Mr. Cottrell lives in Winona, MN, where he spends his off-hours serving as an assistant Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts and a part-time fire fighter with the City of Winona.

On the next page is a photo of the Dredge Goetz, operated by a crew out of the USACE Fountain City Service Base in Fountain City, WI.



If you are unable to access the Eventbrite page to register, please reach out to **Dan Kvasnicka** via email at Daniel.Kvasnicka@hdrinc.com and he can get you registered via email.

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PRESIDENTS NOTE

In this month's note, I would like to thank one of our peers, Sherry VanDuyn, for her years of service to our Post. Here are a few things that Sherry has done over the years for SAME:

- Director of Relationship and Recognition (2014-2018)
- Awards Committee Chair (2014-2021)
- Awards Banquet Coordinator (2014 - 2018)
- Small Business Liaison (2012-2021), moderated 5 Small Business Panel presentations (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)
- Presented a technical discussion on contaminated sediment remediation using a temporary cofferdam on Lake Bemidji (2016)

Sherry is the epitome of what it means to give your time as a volunteer. In her own words, this is what Sherry has to say about her time as a SAME volunteer: "The relationships I've made over the years as a volunteer for SAME, have been rewarding in and of itself. The people I've met, gotten to know better, and worked on our mission, has been very rewarding. Many of the people I've gotten to know, I've networked with on proposal or projects. When you volunteer, you really get to know people better. It's like working on a project team only the mission is different. These are valuable relationships to help your career, your company, and the mission of SAME. Please volunteer, it is fun and rewarding. It's all about the people you know or get to know."

Please join me in thanking Sherry for her service. Thank you, Sherry!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in a number of leadership positions. This is a great opportunity for young staff to grow and challenge themselves in their career. Until next month,

Warm Regards
Dave

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY



January's monthly meeting, held on January 18th, for the MSP Post came in webinar format. Mr. Nic Dial, Acting Director of Construction for the Metropolitan Council gave a Construction Update on the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project. The project is in its 3rd year of construction. The 14-mile Metro Green Line Extension makes its path to the Southwest portion of the Twin Cities. Nic gave a PowerPoint with many figures and pictures that helped attendees realize that newly constructed major bridges and tunnel structures seen between Minneapolis and Eden Prairie are part of the Light Rail system! Nic highlighted the challenges and successes in navigating such a big project in a metropolitan area. 1 PDH was offered for the webinar presentation. Thank you, Nic, for such an informative presentation!

SMALL BUSINESS CORNER

This month's small business showcase is for Anderson Engineering of MN. Anderson was founded as a civil engineering firm in 1989 by Roger Anderson. Since its inception, Anderson has built upon its experience by continuing to add diverse projects to its portfolio. Clientele, ranging from single family homeowners and developers to the United States Government builds an extensive background and depth to be able to address all varieties of projects. In April of 2006, Anderson became recognized as a **Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business**. Anderson is recognized as a leading professional consulting services firm serving local and national markets. For more information on Anderson contact Tim Johnson, Business Development Director at 763-412-4000. Thank you, Anderson Engineering, for being a Sustaining Member of SAME.

LEADERSHIP

One of the goals for SAME is to Grow Leaders for the nation. The MSP Post is supporting this national goal by planning a new series of leadership events in 2022. The post is launching an MSP Post leadership book/video club, formatted so that each session is separable and attendees do not have to worry about being out-of-sync if they miss one session. The topic of the first event was a lunchtime discussion revolving around GRIT! The discussion was based on a Ted Talk, "The Key to Success? Grit" by Angela Lee Duckworth

Event Date: Feb 9th 11:30-12:30 Central

Topic: "The Key to Success? Grit (Ted Talk) by Angela Lee Duckworth This is a great video on passion and perseverance combined (Grit) to achieve long-term success.

About a dozen of us met and talked about our thoughts on the video and life experiences with Grit. We also calculated our own grit scores and discussed those. It was a lot of fun and we are going to do it again! Look for more information. For any future event Questions: Contact Erin Krug (erin.e.krug@usace.army.mil) or Ann Banitt (ann.m.banitt@usace.army.mil).

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL POST SCHOLARSHIPS



The 2022 Scholarship Application Forms are now available on the [STEM Outreach](#) page of the MSP Post website, as well as via the link below. The SAME Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post will be granting three scholarships: two (2) one-time \$1500.00 scholarships and one (1) \$1500.00 multi-year scholarship (\$6000.00 max). The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is **Friday, April 8th, 2022**.

If you know someone who is deserving of a scholarship, please urge the young person to apply for one the Post's scholarships. Applicants are rated in several areas including academics, school activities, and community activities. High school seniors and Post-secondary students are eligible if they are either:

Children, grandchildren, or siblings, of members of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post. Sponsoring members must be a SAME Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post member for the current year and have been a member of the Post for a minimum of at least one year prior to the current year.

Student Members of the SAME Minneapolis-Saint Paul Post who will be registered as full-time post-secondary students in the fall of the year of selection. Applicants under this category must be registered through SAME as a Student Member; student memberships are free for full-time undergraduates at an accredited college or university, or high school students.

Applicants must be registered as full-time post-secondary students in the fall of the year of selection and be majoring in an accredited engineering, science, math, or technology-related field and/or disciplines that will specifically support these fields of study.

A committee of Post members evaluates the applications. All applications are kept confidential, and only the winners are announced. For additional information, please contact [Cora Nunez](#) at Coralys.N.Nunez-Orta@usace.army.mil or 787.463.6663. Scholarship Application Packages can be downloaded from the Post's website at: <https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/MPLS-STPL/STEM-Outreach/Post-Scholarships>

ENGINEERING CAMPS!

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022

The [2022 Engineering & Construction Camp](#) season portal is officially open!

SAME has been supporting STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) events for over 30 years, and conducting camps for more than 20 years. Our camps, in partnership with the military services, are world-class and feature a very impressive record of producing thousands of engineers and STEM leaders. They provide a rigorous experience for students interested in exploring STEM skills and careers. Campers gain a sense of what it takes to become a STEM professional and what options exist to explore that interest from high school to college and beyond.

Each camp offers a mix of hands-on, challenge-based activities that help campers learn fundamentals of engineering and construction. Each camp also offers tours and field trips to area businesses and institutions that highlight their respective technical areas. Individual curriculum activities may vary year to year, but all use a competitive environment to promote growth in leadership, team-building, and problem-solving. The competitive nature helps build camaraderie among the campers and mentors.

2022 SAME Camps Schedule:

- ★ U.S. Army Engineering & Construction Camp: Vicksburg, Miss., June 12-18, 2022
- ★ U.S. Marine Corps Engineering & Construction Camp: Camp Lejeune, N.C., June 19-25, 2022
- ★ U.S. Navy STEM Engineering & Construction Camp: Port Hueneme, Calif., June 19-25, 2022
- ★ U.S. Air Force Academy Engineering & Construction Camp: Colorado Springs, Colo., June 23-29, 2022
- ★ U.S. Air Force Engineering & Construction Camp: Scott Air Force Base, Ill., June 25-30, 2022

Please share this with the high school students in your networks. Once applications have closed, Posts will be notified of all the applicants so that you can make any sponsorship selections.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jeannine Finton, SAME Camps Program Manager, at jfinton@same.org.

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL POST EDUCATION GRANTS



Application Deadline: April 8, 2022

Do you know of an elementary, middle school or high school who could use a boost to their STEM education program? The MSP Post offers education grants to help schools augment their programs that can spark our youth to go into a STEM field! For more information contact Chris Erickson at: Chris Erickson Christopher.R.Erickson@usace.army.mil.

OPEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON OPPORTUNITIES!

Here is a great opportunity for someone wanting to become more involved in a professional organization! The following are the open committee and liaison leadership roles that can be filled immediately:

- ★ Awards Committee Chair
- ★ Newsletter Coordinator
- ★ Small Business Liaison
- ★ Industry Day Committee Co-Chair

You can find a list of our current committee and liaison roles on our website at <https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post/MPLS-STPL/Get-Involved/Committees>. Feel free to reach out to the person listed as currently holding that position if you have any questions about the role (email hyperlinks are included on the website). If you are interested in being part of the MSP Post leadership team, please reach out to David Johnson at president@samemsp.org or to Erin Krug at vp@samemsp.org. Please consider volunteering and get more involved with our active Post!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our Sustaining Firms—we appreciate your support and want to make sure all our members are aware of it, too!

- ★ AECOM
- ★ Anderson Engineering of MN
- ★ Ayres Associates
- ★ Benham Design, LLC
- ★ Bergmann Associates
- ★ Burns & McDonnell
- ★ Cardno Inc.
- ★ CDG Engineers, Inc.
- ★ Cushing Terrell
- ★ Damon Farber Assoc.
- ★ DLR Group, Inc.
- ★ Greenstone Construction Inc.
- ★ Hammel Green and Abrahamson
- ★ Hanson Professional Services
- ★ HDR
- ★ Houston Engineering, Inc.
- ★ HR Green, Inc.
- ★ J.F. Brennan Company, Inc.
- ★ Kaiyuh Services, LLC
- ★ Landmark Environmental
- ★ Leo A. Daly
- ★ LS Black Constructors
- ★ Mortenson Construction
- ★ RSP Architects
- ★ SEH
- ★ Siemens Industries, Inc.
- ★ Stanley Consultants
- ★ Stantec
- ★ Terracon Consultants
- ★ Ulteig
- ★ Vann Companies
- ★ Wood Group

Did you know that as part of your sustaining membership we encourage you to talk about yourselves to our members? Please email Dave Ausdemore at dave@hsscience.com, if you would like more information on how to get involved!

